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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic locker system comprising:
2 a locker for housing luggage;
3 a reading means for electrically reading a depositor identifier that has been preliminarily
4 determined by a contract between a managing company of the locker and a user of the locker;
5 an electronic lock for locking the door of the locker after luggage has been deposited
6 therein; and
7 a central control unit which, when ~~the depositor identifier read by the~~ said reading means
8 ~~is a~~ reads ~~said~~ depositor identifier preliminary preliminarily determined by [[a]] the contract
9 between [[a]] the managing company of the locker and [[a]] the user of the locker, ~~sends~~
10 ~~information of the corresponding depositor to a locker managing center through a communication~~
11 ~~line; and when, at the time of taking out the luggage;~~ the depositor identifier read by said reading
12 means is identified as ~~said depositor identifier~~ preliminary preliminarily determined by the
13 contract, releases the electric lock to allow the door of the locker to open and sends necessary

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14 information such as a luggage deposit fee to the locker managing center through the
15 communication line,

16 wherein the user is only able to deposit luggage into the locker after said central control
17 unit performs the releasing of the electric lock luggage depositing process and luggage taking-out
18 ~~process to and from the locker are carried out based upon only the depositor identifier.~~

1. Claim 2 (original): The electronic locker system according to claim 1, wherein the
2 luggage deposit fee is automatically drawn from the account of the depositor based upon the
3 depositor identifier that has been determined by the contract between the managing company and
4 the user of the locker.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic locker system comprising:
2 a locker for housing luggage;
3 a reading means for electrically reading a depositor identifier and a receiver identifier that
4 have been preliminarily determined by a contract between a managing company of the locker and
5 a user of the locker;
6 operation keys through which a luggage depositor and a luggage receiver inputs input a
7 specific number such as a member identification number, etc.;
8 an electronic lock for locking [[the]] a door of the locker after luggage has been deposited
9 ~~therein~~; and

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10 a central control unit which, based upon [[the]] a read depositor identifier and [[the]]
11 receiver identifier read by the reading means, ~~sends information of the corresponding depositor~~
12 and ~~receiver to a locker managing center through a communication line~~, and when [[a]] the read
13 receiver identifier or depositor identifier have been identified as said depositor identifier or said
14 receiver identifier has been confirmed as the identifier preliminarily determined by the contract
15 between managing company and the user of the corresponding luggage receiver, opens the electric
16 electronic lock to allow the door of the locker to open and sends necessary information such as a
17 luggage deposit fee to the locker managing center through the communication line,
18 wherein the user is only able to deposit luggage into the locker after said central control
19 unit performs the opening of the electronic lock luggage depositing process and luggage taking-
20 out process to and from the locker are carried out based upon only the identifier.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The electronic locker system according to claim 3,
2 wherein only a designated individual within a registered group specified by [[the]] a
3 specific number is allowed to receive be the luggage receiver who receives the luggage.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): The electronic locker system according to claim 3,
2 wherein any one of users of a registered group specified by [[the]] a specific number is
3 allowed to receive be the luggage receiver who receives the luggage.

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1 Claim 6 (original): The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 3 to
2 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is automatically drawn from the account of the depositor
3 based upon the depositor identifier and the receiver identifier that have been determined by
4 the contract between the managing company and the user of the locker.

1 Claim 7 (previously presented): The electronic locker system according to any one of
2 claims 1 to 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of
3 time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.

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